

REMARKS

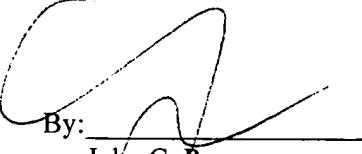
By this amendment, claims 1 and 5-9 have been amended, and new claims 10 and 11 have been added to further define Applicant's invention

The independent claims have been amended to include dimensional relationships which clearly distinguish over the "prior art." Both the '220 patent to Christensen and the '050 patent to Weller concern displays mountable on automobile antennas, a field of use to which the instant invention is unrelated. Further, the '050 patent includes an aperture, blind hole or recess 16 which extends into the sign itself, a configuration which Applicant has not claimed.

Although the '466 patent to Horni may be used for "no parking" or traffic-related signage, the device has a socket 13 as opposed to a sleeve, and is not intended to cover any sort of post or stanchion. Again, the amendments to the claims should make the distinguishing features of applicant's invention that much more apparent over such references.

Based upon the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application should be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone/facsimile numbers provided.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A combined stanchion cover and signage system, comprising:
an elongated sleeve having a closed top and an open bottom defining a length, enabling the sleeve to be placed over a post or stanchion to be covered; and
a message-bearing panel integrally formed with the sleeve and extending above [proximate to] the closed end thereof, the panel having a height which is substantially less than the length of the sleeve.
5. (Amended) The combined stanchion cover and signage system of claim [1] 2, wherein the sleeve has an inner diameter in the range of 2 to 8 inches [and message-bearing panel are integrally formed].
6. (Amended) The combined stanchion cover and signage system of claim [5] 1, wherein the sleeve and message-bearing panel are integrally formed using a molding process.
7. (Amended) The combined stanchion cover and signage system of claim 6, wherein the message-bearing panel includes an informational decal included in the mold during the [integral] formation thereof.
8. (Amended) A combined stanchion cover and sign holder, comprising:
an elongated generally cylindrical sleeve of [elastomeric] polymeric material, having a

closed top, [and] an open bottom, and an inner diameter in the range of 2 to 8 inches [enabling the sleeve to be placed over a stanchion to be covered]; and

a sign holder [integrally formed with respect to] extending above the closed top of the sleeve.

9. (Amended) The combined stanchion cover and sign holder of claim 8, wherein the sign is a decal integrally formed in the sign holder [during the molding thereof].